

SEE TO-MORROW'S REPUBLIC FOR LEADING MERCHANTS' MIDWEEK BARGAINS.

WOMAN SERIOUSLY BURNED
BY EXPLOSION OF KEROSENE.

As the result of an explosion last night caused by pouring kerosene in a stove, Mrs. Artie Bybee of No. 221 Cass avenue was probably fatally burned about the head and body.

Artie Bybee, her daughter, 15 years old, was also burned on the left side of the head and left arm while attempting to extinguish the flames.

Mrs. Bybee went into the kitchen about 10 o'clock to put coal on the fire. She lifted the lid of the range and thought the fire had gone out.

She then secured the kerosene and poured the oil on the coals, expecting to hasten the fire after applying the match. She poured a small quantity of the fluid



on the burning coals and the explosion followed. Mrs. Bybee was thrown to the floor, her dress in flames.

Her daughter, Artie, was the first to reach her after hearing her screams and succeeded in tearing some of the burning clothing from the body. Two sons, Henry, 16 years, and Leo, 13 years, also helped their sister in rescuing their mother.

Paul Thurner and J. M. Bridger of No. 278 Cass avenue heard the screams of the Bybee children and ran into the house. They extinguished the flames, but not until Mrs. Bybee had been seriously burned.

Mrs. Bybee was hurried in an ambulance to the City Hospital, where her wounds were dressed. Artie was carried into the house of a neighbor, where her burns were dressed by a neighboring doctor.

An alarm of fire was sent in, but the flames had been extinguished before the companies arrived.

LADY MACKENZIE IS LEADING SPIRIT
OF SAM LAZARUS'S HUNTING PARTY.

Attired in Full Hunting Garb, the Vivacious Scotchwoman Rides to the Hounds on the St. Louis Man's Great Ranch Near Abilene, Tex.—Holds Record for Big Bags and Makes Reputation as Daring Horsewoman—Is Thoroughly Enjoying Her Experience.



LADY CONSTANCE MACKENZIE.

Well-known Scotch woman, who attracted attention at a ball in Cairo by appearing in the costume of a Cicerone, with her feet and legs bare. She is a noted horsewoman, swimmer, diver and crack shot. She is now the guest of honor of a hunting party that is being sumptuously entertained at Sam Lazarus's ranch near Abilene, Tex.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Abilene, Tex., Nov. 30.—Lady Constance MacKenzie of Scotland, Whitney Warren of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lazarus and Miss Lazarus of St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sterritt of Abilene comprise a gay and enthusiastic hunting and hunting party at the Sam Lazarus ranch, sixteen miles northeast of this city, assembled in honor of Lady MacKenzie.

Every day Lady MacKenzie, dressed in full hunter's garb, divided skirts, with repeating rifle, mounts the most fiery ranch steed and leads the hounds and the party over hill and plain to the lakes and the pastures, where the day is spent in killing ducks and quails.

Lady MacKenzie's score beats them all to date, and she has obtained the reputation of being the most daring and accomplished horsewoman that ever held a whip over the thoroughbred saddle horses of Sam Lazarus's ranch. The hounds are clamorous and the horses are nervous when Lady MacKenzie appears on the verandah, and they are ready for the chase as soon as she mounts, and all are off at full gallop at the sound of the horn. It takes the best horsemen to keep the pace that Lady MacKenzie sets.

TESTS TEXAS HOSTILITY.
The ranch house is elaborately fitted and decorated, and everything is at the disposal of Lady MacKenzie, or, as they say over in Mexico, "it is all hers." Mr. and Mrs. Sterritt are the host and hostess, and with a retinue of servants magnificently entertain their royal guest and party.

Ideal weather and Italian skies and gorgeous moonlight make the outing all that could possibly be desired, and Mr. and Mrs. Sterritt have not forgotten the indoor amusements of music, dancing and games. And the game sports and fish and turkey dinners are the best in the land.

To-day the whole party went on a wolf hunt, and are not expected to return to the ranch house until some time tomorrow, and then they expect to go for the hare, deer and antelope.

Lady Constance MacKenzie says she has traveled the world over and the "Abilene country" in the great State of Texas, is the garden spot and most perfect climate on earth. She is delighted with Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lazarus will entertain in this city, as soon as date can be fixed, in honor of Lady MacKenzie and party.

Lady Constance MacKenzie arrived in the United States on October 21 last. It was said that her trip here was for the purpose of hunting big game in the West.

Lady Constance is a well-known figure in the society of this country, as well as Europe. She is a sister of the Countess of Cromartie and holds the position of that position. She was over here for three months early last year, and kept Florida society alive with stories of her energy in outdoor sports.

She is a great swimmer, having carried off the ladies' challenge shield at London swimming-bath contests. Her favorite swimming costume is bright green, with tartan trimmings, in honor of her Scottish connections.

She was the guest at Alton, S. C., of William C. Whitney, and took part in all of the outdoor life of the place, attending polo games, riding astride, and was never seen with a hat.

In last March she caused a sensation in Cairo by appearing at a masked ball in the Gezira Palace as an Egyptian Cicerone. The costume was more beautiful than voluminous. Lady Constance, who is blessed with exquisite feet, had no scruples in exhibiting them with bare legs from the knees downward.

Her engagement to a Captain Fitzgerald of London was announced on August 4 last.

TO BUILD "NEW JERUSALEM"
PREDICTED BY ZACHARIAH.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Nov. 30.—For the purpose of establishing within the corporate limits of New York the New Jerusalem predicted by the prophet Zachariah, 2,000 inhabitants of the town of New Harlem met to-day and took the initial steps toward perfecting an organization.

The primary object of the association is the acquisition of property valued at more than \$1,000,000, situated in this city north of Seventy-fifth street, under grants made in 1898.

The promotion of the reclamation scheme, according to Henry Pennington Toler, the prime mover in it, and a former Wall Street broker, is founded upon divine

revelations made to him through biblical study.

For his work in tracing the heirs of the original twenty-two members of the New Harlem corporation, and his efforts to reclaim for them the land they say is theirs by right, the meeting voted to give Mr. Toler 25 per cent of all that should be recovered. This honorarium, however, Mr. Toler, at the end of a long speech, renounced.

Mr. Toler is said to have spent a fortune in the prosecution of the New Harlem claims. He sold his seat on the New York Stock Exchange and retired from business to devote his entire time to the securing of this land.

There is in the neighborhood of 100,000 claimants.

CLEVELAND MAY FORECLOSE
MORTGAGE ON RAILROAD.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Franklin, Pa., Nov. 30.—The question agitating the McKean County friends of ex-President Grover Cleveland is whether he will run a railroad himself or turn the job over to some one else.

Mr. Cleveland is about to foreclose a mortgage upon the narrow-gauge Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua Railroad, of which he is the exclusive bondholder. At one time this was the most profitable bit of railroad property in the world.

J. D. Yeoman, Interstate Commerce Commissioner, and Judge Charles Cary of Olean, respectively manager and promoter of the road, induced Mr. Cleveland to take the entire bond issue. Mr. Cleveland still has the bonds, and the new owners are not so much interested in them as he is going to sell the equipment at Bradford on December 1 to satisfy his claims.

THREATS TO KILL
MINISTER BEAUPRE
MADE BY OFFICIALS.

Would-Be Assassin Dissuaded and Diplomat's House Is Guarded by Fifty Soldiers.

TALK OF WAR IS UNABATED.

Colombia Has Plenty of Rifles and Ammunition and Needs No Money to Move Her Troops.

HOPES TO INVADE ISTHMUS.

Without Commissariat, Hospital Corps, Pay or Means of Transportation, Small Bands May Slip Across the Border.

Bogota, Nov. 30.—Reliable information received here to-day says that at a conference of a governmental consulting commission in Bogota, consisting of Liberals, Conservatives and Nationalists, the statement was made that United States Minister Beaupre must be killed, even if the United States should destroy Cartagena in retaliation.

Wiser counsel prevailed, however. When Luis Deroux, former member of the Colombian House of Representatives from Panama, left Bogota, November 14, Minister Beaupre's house was guarded by fifty soldiers with rifles. Minister Beaupre said that he expected soon to follow down the Magdalena River, but apparently has since changed his plans.

Senator Deroux, who arrived here to-day, says that Bogota and the entire country is waiting to hear from General Reyes, whose grant of full presidential powers has been confirmed.

While there is still much talk in Colombia of raising a big army, no actual steps in that direction have been taken.

HAS WAR MUNITIONS.
Colombia possesses a great number of good rifles, some artillery and an ample supply of ammunition. Quantities of ammunition have recently been moved in ox carts from Honda, about five miles from Bogota, on the Magdalena River, to Bogota.

Colombia has not lost the idea of making an attempt to regain the Isthmus. She still entertains hopes that General Reyes will succeed in effecting a satisfactory arrangement at Washington.

Falling this, the Colombians, it is believed, will undoubtedly advance on the Isthmus, sending troops in small parties of 20 to 30 along both coasts, sufficiently inland to keep their movements secret, and on arriving on the border of Panama they will, it is said, begin a guerrilla warfare, pillaging and burning.

They may also, it is alleged, attempt to transport troops by sea, in small schooners and other craft, between unimportant and little known ports, hoping to avoid the American gunboats, and thus helping in the general movement towards Panama, or possibly landing troops in the Chiriqui district.

The Colombians think they can carry out such a movement without the knowledge of the Americans, and believe their soldiers, inured to the hardships of campaigning and living on the country without a commissariat, can reach the borders of Panama overland.

NEEDS NO MONEY.
Colombia can move troops without money, because she can send them into the field without a hospital corps, without a commissary department, without means of transportation and without pay.

Notwithstanding the Colombian Government's assurances, not all the political parties have fully and unselfishly rallied to the support of the Government in this crisis.

The internal political dissensions are slowly growing element particularly in showing signs of increasing discontent throughout the entire country, and a recurrence of the recent revolt at any time within the next year would not surprise those who are familiar with Colombian affairs. On the contrary, it is fully expected.

PHELPS DISCUSSES
BOODLE SITUATION.

Says It Has Been Suggested That John A. Lee Lead the Ziegler Polar Expedition.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 30.—William H. Phelps, attorney for the Missouri Pacific, is at the Coates House. He was talking to-day about matters connected with the new Legislature and the more recent grand jury. In the course of the conversation, Daniel J. Kelley, the baking powder lobbyist, was mentioned.

"Will Kelley come back from Canada?" the reporter asked.

"I do not know. For my part I do not see how he could want to come to Missouri. This State does not hold out any attractions to him that I would consider an inducement for him to come."

"Will the Attorney General be able to get Ziegler back?"

"I do not know what Mr. Crow can prove, but the New Yorkers don't seem to favor sending him here. I believe he is getting up another Polar expedition, and I have been told that what he needs now is a manager to have charge of it. Several Missourians have suggested that he could do better than to employ our former Lieutenant Governor, John A. Lee, to lead the party. I am also told that I have been recommended for the place, if Mr. Lee does not want it."

BEAUPRE STICKS AT POST
IN SPITE OF HIS PERIL.

UNITED STATES MINISTER A. W. BEAUPRE.
Whose life was threatened by members of the Governmental Consulting Commission at Bogota. Mr. Beaupre had just received permission to come to the United States on leave of absence, in the regular course of diplomatic work, but was unwilling to abandon his post "under fire" and is still in the Colombian capital.

LEADING TOPICS
—IN—
TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

GRAIN CLOSED: ST. LOUIS—MAY WHEAT 83c ASKED; MAY CORN 40c ASKED.
CHICAGO—MAY WHEAT 84c BID; MAY CORN 41c BID.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 6:59 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 4:30.
THE MOON SETS TO-MORROW MORNING AT 4:30.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.
For St. Louis and Vicinity—Partly cloudy and warmer Tuesday; winds becoming fresh southerly.

For Missouri—Snow or rain Tuesday. Clearing Wednesday.

For Illinois—Snow in north; snow or rain in south Tuesday. Clearing Wednesday.

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2. Battleship Fund Now \$1,407.50.
Wholesale Bribes Used in Michigan Scheme.

3. "Everyman." Morality Play, Holds a Fine Audience.
Pretty Booths Feature of Bazaar.
Soldier's Body Lost Many Times.

4. Vandiver Naming Folk Committee.
5. Clergyman Scores English Schools.
Wave Reduction Affects \$1,000.
Jewell Lutheran College Burned.
News of the City Churches.

6. General Sport News.
7. Happenings in East Side Cities.
Thinks Bristow Report Sufficient.

8. Editorial.
St. Louisans in New York and Chicago.
Society News.

9. New Captain Shot at Predecessor.
City Legislation Being Probed.
Old Old Fellow Dies Suddenly.

10. Republic "Want" Ads.
Birth, Marriage and Death Records.
New Corporations.

11. Rooms for Rent Ads.
12. Narrow and Drifting Market in New York.

Lighting Bond Issues Are in Best Demand.
May Option Soaring in Chicago.
Summary of St. Louis Markets.

13. River Telegrams.
Live Stock Markets.
Real Estate Transfers.

14. Face Their Fate Without Tremor.
All the Guests Over Seventy.
To Report on Garbage.
Dakota Divorce Is Invalid.

BRITISH WARSHIPS
GO TO LA GUAYRA.

Venezuelan Government Has Not Even Politely Answered Protest Against Closing of the Orinoco.

Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, Nov. 30.—The British West Indian Squadron will leave here Thursday for La Guayra, Venezuela.

The Government officials at Caracas assert that the squadron's visit to La Guayra is in connection with the closing of the River Orinoco by President Castro to foreign trade, which has specially affected the interests of Trinidad.

Mr. Bax-Ironside, the present Minister at Caracas, has twice protested against the measure without obtaining a favorable or even polite answer.

A note on the subject, it is believed, probably will be presented to Venezuela while the British squadron is at La Guayra.

Hamilton-Brown Shoe Co. Shipments.
Shipments for November, 1903... \$56,527.55
Shipments for November, 1902... 48,770.50

Gain..... 17,757.05
Shipments for 1903 to Dec. 1..... 6,757,400.50
Gain..... 17,397,396.95

LEAVITT SEEKS
POLITICAL HONORS.

Son-in-Law of William Jennings Bryan Would Go to Congress.

WIFE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY.

Letter to Daughter of State Chairman Akins Tells of Young Artist's Aspirations.

In a letter to Miss Zoe Akins, daughter of Thomas J. Akins, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee of Missouri, Ruth Bryan-Leavitt announces that her artist husband, William Homer Leavitt, has decided to remain at Hannibal, Mo., and next year seek the Republican nomination for Congress in the Seventh District.

Hannibal is the home of Chairman Akins and the Leavitts have been the guests of Mr. Akin's family for the last six weeks. It is probable that Mr. Leavitt expects the support of Chairman Akins, but an expression from the latter cannot be obtained, as he is now in Washington.

Leavitt is a Republican, and so proclaimed himself the first day he visited St. Louis. He also stated that, although he had married the daughter of William Jennings Bryan, he was in nowise in sympathy with Mr. Bryan's political belief.

Mr. Leavitt said he was a Gold-Standard Protection-Expansion Republican. Ever since their arrival in St. Louis the plans of Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt have been a sort of mystery. When they came here from Lincoln it was thought that they would remain only a few days as the guest of Miss Akins. Instead, they remained a week and then accompanied Miss Akins to Hannibal.

Leavitt painted a life-size portrait of Mr. Akins. Mrs. Akins and his daughter. After he finished this work he employed his time drawing sketches of a few of the friendly natives of Hannibal, besides hunting and fishing and attending country dances and church socials.

Polk County is strong Democratic, as is the Seventh District. The present Representative in Congress is C. W. Hamlin, a Bryan Democrat.

Mr. Hamlin has another year to serve. In that time Leavitt intends to build his fences and make himself solid with the populace. Leavitt believes that the fact that he is a son-in-law of William Jennings Bryan will be the means of swinging lots of Democratic votes to him in the event that he is nominated.

It was announced a few days ago that Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt would soon go to the home of Mr. Leavitt's mother at Newport, R. I. This announcement has been made several times, however, and each time the journey was postponed.

It is now probable that the journey to the East has been indefinitely postponed by the Leavitts and that Leavitt will be an active worker in behalf of his candidacy for Congress.

In the letter which Mrs. Leavitt wrote to Miss Akins she says that she is busily engaged in her literary work, most of which is devoted to poetry. She is now writing a series of nursery rhymes, the idea of which is entirely original.

W. J. Bryan Entertained at Belfast. Belfast, Ireland, Nov. 30.—William J. Bryan lunched with the Lord Mayor of Belfast to-day, and subsequently made a tour of the Queen's Island shipbuilding yards and other large manufacturing concerns. He proceeded to-night to Glasgow and Edinburgh.

GENERAL BROOKE ACCUSES
WOOD OF INSUBORDINATION.

Declares Former Governor General of Cuba Ignored Orders and Not Only Failed to Suppress but Actually Incited and Encouraged Violent Newspaper Attacks on Brooke's Administration—Member of Cuban Junta Says Wood Knew of Runcie Magazine Article Before It Was Printed and Admits He Would Not Accept Wood's Word on Any Matter in Which He Is Personally Interested.

WOOD MAY BE BROUGHT HOME FROM PHILIPPINES TO TESTIFY

Washington, Nov. 30.—Major General John R. Brooke, retired, former Governor General of Cuba, to-day gave testimony before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, which charged insubordination against General Leonard Wood. General Brooke was before the committee more than two hours, and occupied the entire time in telling of General Wood's conduct at Santiago.

The witness offered in support of his statements many documents taken from records at the War Department and several papers from his personal collection.

At the close of his testimony a member of the committee said that it is probable General Wood will have to return from the Philippines and testify.

One of the charges made by General Brooke is that General Wood violated the order which required him, in making reports in Santiago, to submit estimates to the Governor General. As evidence of this General Brooke called attention to the building of barracks at Santiago, or the Moro, without General Wood's having given notice to the department at Havana.

GUILTY OF INSUBORDINATION.
General Brooke said also that General Wood continually sent communications to the War Department over the head of commanding officers. The witness accused the committee that he cared nothing for the ignoring of his authority, but said that the proceeding had been detrimental to military discipline.

General Brooke called to the attention of the committee, in support of an allegation that General Wood had neglected his duty in harmony with the military command, the matter of General Wood's attitude toward the newspapers at Santiago, which repeatedly made attacks on General Brooke's administration.

PRESIDENT WANTS
HEATH TO RESIGN.

Thinks Disclosures Destroy His Usefulness as Republican Committeeman—Hanna Disagrees.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Perry S. Heath's statement in Salt Lake City last night that he would not resign his position as secretary of the Republican National Committee is likely to lead to as pretty a row as the Republican party has had in a dozen years.

The President believes that it is improper and impolitic for Mr. Heath to remain secretary of the National Committee. He thinks that Mr. Heath should have resigned long ago. He deems the disclosures made by the Bristow investigation of the Post-Office Department regarding the official conduct of Mr. Heath when he was First Assistant Postmaster General to be sufficient to destroy Mr. Heath's usefulness to the party, and that his connection with the committee as secretary is a detriment.

Mr. Heath is likely to be very quickly over Mr. Heath, if it is all. Senator Hanna does not think that Mr. Heath should resign. He says that Mr. Heath is honest. He also says that he is a valuable officer of the

National Committee. Senator Hanna recently said that he did not want Mr. Heath to resign, and thought he should remain in his present position.

There can be no doubt that Senator Hanna and the President are on the verge of a disagreement over Mr. Heath. The Senator did not think the President and the Postmaster General were justified in making public the evidence which Mr. Bristow was able to scrape together about the former First Assistant Postmaster General.

ZIEGLER TELEGRAPHS
TO GOVERNOR DOCKERY.

Requests That He Send Acting Prosecuting Attorney Brown to Appear at Requisition Hearing.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 30.—Governor Dockery received a telegram to-night from William Ziegler, whose extradition hearing before Governor Odell is set for December 7. It says:

"To His Excellency, A. M. Dockery, Governor of Missouri.—In requisition papers filed at Albany, your Excellency states that it has been represented to you that I fled from justice in the State of Missouri. That statement you base upon affidavit made by F. M. Brown, Prosecuting Attorney of Cole County, Missouri. I respectfully request that you will require Mr. Brown to attend before Governor Odell of the State of New York at the hearing fixed on such requisition for the 7th day of December next, that he may there repeat such statement."